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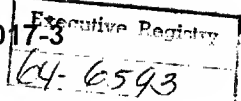
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Honorable John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. McCone:

An integral part of the Department of Defense requirements for long term
estimates of the Soviet military establishment is a similarly long term
assessment of the capacity of the Soviet economy to sustain the military
establishment. Economic estimates have heretofore tended to be rather
short in outlook and have been intended for "only the next few years",
e.g., SNIE 11-5-64, "Soviet Economic Problems and Outlook."

The regular annual estimate concerning the Soviet economy is now
scheduled for USIB consideration on 28 October. According to a Board
of National Estimates Memorandum, this new estimate will cover the same
ground as that covered in SNIE 11-5-64. Since this estimate will be
based largely upon CIA/RR ER 64-21, "Soviet Economic Problems in Mid-1964",
which does look to 1970, I strongly urge that the period of the estimate
be extended to at least 1970.

I would appreciate your referring this request to the Chairman, Board
of National Estimates, for appropriate guidance in the preparation of
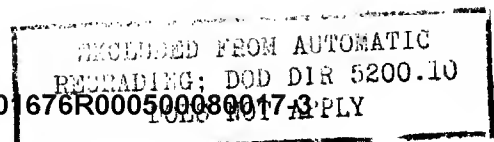NIE 11-5/1-64.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH F. CARROLL
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director

cc: Chairman, Board
     of National Estimates

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